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SUBJ :SAG REACTION TO WILSON STATEMENT ON SIMONSTOWN

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE P.W.BOTHA COMMENTED DEC 20 ON  
REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER WILSON TOLD BRITISH PARLIAMENT  
THAT SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT WAS CONSIDERED INOPERATIVE

ACCORDING TO CAPE ARGUS, BOTHA SAID SIMONSTOWN WILL REMAIN  
AVAILABLE TO 'ALL COUNTRIES OF FREE WORLD WHO ARE WILLING  
TO COOPERATE WITH US ON BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT.'

2. IN REGARD TO WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNILATERAL TERMINATION  
OF AGREEMENT BY BRITISH, BOTHA SAID, 'I ALWAYS THOUGHT  
COMMON DECENCY DEMANDED THAT BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO  
SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT SHOULD CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER IF THE  
AGREEMENT IS TO BE TERMINATED. BRITAIN MUST DECIDE FOR ITSELF  
IF IT WANTS TO KEEP THIS PRINCIPLE.'

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